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New Stand of Colors Presented to 2nd Infantry With Pomp And Ceremony



MRS. JAMES S. ROGERS WITH NATIONAL COLOR AND MRS. E. V. SMITH WITH REGIMENTAL COLOR.
Ladies of Two Regiments Take Part in Presentation—It Is Made Special Event

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, August 10.—The Second Infantry has recently received a new stand of national colors and their presentation to the Regiment was made a special event by Colonel Jas. S. Rogers, commanding.

Preceding the ceremony of "Escort of the Color," Mrs. Rogers had invited the ladies of the Second and a number of those of the First to the Colonel's quarters, where both the National and Regimental standards were displayed and were greatly admired, the wonderful embroidery appealing distinctly to the accomplished needle-women of the two famous regiments.

The regiment being formed on the parade, C Company, under Captain William R. Gibson, was designated for the honor of escorting the colors and proceeding to Colonel Rogers' home, drew up in line with the veteran Color Sergeants Convery and Maher moved forward to the steps when Sergeant Convery, the senior, received from the hands of "the Colonel's lady" - the new "Old Glory," while Mrs. E. V. Smith delivered the blue Regimental color into the keeping of Sergeant Maher.

As the two sergeants with their flashing banners halted in front of the escorting company, the "present" was given and the full bugle corps of the Second sounded "To the Colors." Then, in perfect step, the company, in column of platoons, moved to a position in front of the center of the regiment, now standing at attention, with every man's eyes fixed on the brilliant, fluttering flags held so steadily by their bearers.

At the command of the Colonel, regiment and escort came again to the "present," the colors slowly dipping to acknowledge their rightful saint, and once more the bugles sounded the call of "To the Colors." A pause, and then into the very center of the waiting line, Convery and Maher bore the emblems and the Second had received its trust.

It may be remarked that now for the first time in Hawaiian history is a regiment equipped with a flag with forty-eight stars. The old colors now replaced will, in accordance with army regulations, be numbered and retained by the Second as a memento of service, a duty that will be faithfully performed.



ESCORT PRESENTING ARMS TO THE COLOR, SECOND INFANTRY.

One of the senior officers at the barracks was reminded by the impressive ceremony of a fact but little drawn even in the army, where tradition is kept well alive. It is a fact that all the regimental colors ever issued to organizations of the United States army but one is in the hands of another nation and that is one that was surrendered by General Hull at Detroit in the War of 1812. England has the missing banner and keeps it jealously.

It is deposited in the great hall of the Pensioners' Hospital at Chelsea. Many an earnest effort has been put

forth to bring it back to us, but all have failed.

In at least two instances officers of the regiment have actually endeavored to "rightfully steal" it and in both cases our diplomatic representatives have had their work cut out to keep the officers out of jail. England has acknowledged the worthiness of our desires, but—keeps the tattered standard.

Just what regiment lost it the officer relating the above did not state, contenting himself with saying, "Well, it was not the 'Sure old Second,' that is certain."

WOMAN TELLS OF MANY RUSSIAN PRISON HORRORS

Plan Especial Degradation for Political Offenders of the Czar

The case of Miss Malecka, the young Englishwoman of Polish descent who has been pardoned by the Czar as the result of the vigorous representations made by Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, after she had been condemned for sedition and sentenced to exile in Siberia, has brought into prominence the story of Manya Schkolnik, the young Russian lady of 27 whose escape a few weeks ago from Malchessy prison, Siberia, has produced

some noteworthy revelations as to the condition of exiles in Siberia, and the fate from which Miss Malecka has escaped. The story is told in the Montreal Herald:

Manya Schkolnik was only 16 years of age when she was first arrested on suspicion of belonging to a terrorist organization. She admitted, when she reached the security of a London drawing room, that she knew many terrorists, but who, she asked, at that time in Russia did not know terrorists? The daughters of governors, the student sons of police chiefs were members of the fighting organization. It was impossible for any one occupying a position of social prominence with a large circle of acquaintances in a

"STEAM ROLLER" ORIGINATED IN 1908 DESPITE T. R.'S ASSERTION

"In 1908, when Taft was fairly nominated, there were no 'steam-roller' methods so far as I know," says Colonel Roosevelt in the Outlook for July 20th. The Colonel ought to read up on recent political history. We quote from the International Year Book for 1908, a standard authority, page 580:

"A temporary roster of the convention is made up by the Republican National Committee, which is composed of one member from each state. This committee met several times in Chicago before the opening of the convention to determine the contests over seats. Two hundred and twenty-three seats were involved and if the National Committee had been controlled by the opponents of Taft, and had been disposed to take advantage of the opportunity, an absolute Taft majority might conceivably have been prevented. The committee, however, decided the contests almost without exception in favor of Taft, and the practically unanimity and the machine-like decision with which the contests were settled won for the committee, and especially for its chairman, Frank H. Hitchcock, the sobriquet of the 'steam roller.'"

The work from which the foregoing is copied was published early in 1909.

Russian town not to know some physical force men.

From her native town in Lithuania she was sent, after her arrest, by slow stages to Siberia. Her wrist was chained on the march to the wrist of another woman. Although a political prisoner, she was purposefully confounded with other prisoners. This is part of a deliberate plan of degradation that is included in the really modern treatment of political prisoners. The government found that political prisoners enjoying a high reputation, which grew stronger with the years among the settlers in Siberia, and thus came to be regarded differently. They never stole, they taught the children and they nursed the sick.

Deliberate Degradation. In order to prevent such a reputation being acquired by the new exiles the government deliberately mixed the worst classes of ordinary prisoners with the political.

As an illustration, the case is cited of Walter Stenback, a gentle, accomplished 20-year-old Finn, who was chained to a common thief, a man guilty of the theft of a pair of boots from a policeman. Stenback was arrested opposite the winter palace while the second duma was in session, but no weapons were found on him and there was no charge against him except the vague one of belonging to a political party. Even that preposterous accusation could not be proved. Nevertheless, after a long period of solitary confinement in Kresty prison, St. Petersburg, he was sentenced to exile for life.

Miss Schkolnik's case was worse of all, for she was not in a colony, she was in a convict prison on a life-sentence. It was difficult to realize that such a fair and intelligent young woman had passed more than ten years of her life inside the walls of a jail, having only been out nine months on ticket-of-leave after her first three years of confinement. Ten of the brightest years of a girl's life spent in a Siberian prison, some weeks' journey by tarantass to the south of Irkutsk and not far from the Chinese frontier! Ten years of prison behind her only four weeks ago, and a lifetime of prison in front of her! No Avenue of Escape.

To escape by China was impossible, as in China she would still be under the control of the Russian government, and would infallibly be arrested long before she reached Peking. Her only hope was in the Trans-Siberian Railway. But that was far away, and meanwhile she had to endure horrors.

The governor of the prison was a brute, who delighted in having the prisoners flogged. The wardens, as might have been expected of Russians, exiled to such a dismal and inhuman wilderness, drank heavily. The dirt and disorder, the bad food and the worse sanitation would quickly injure the strongest physique. Finally Miss Schkolnik fell ill of a disease which

and was, therefore, uninfluenced by the issues of the present day. The 1908 convention was Colonel Roosevelt's convention. He named the candidate indirectly but positively, Hitchcock was Assistant Postmaster-General under him. From the same authority we learn (page 333) that "his (Hitchcock's) effective work for Taft in the South and West contributed greatly to the latter's success in the Republican National Convention in June." Even the platform was submitted to Roosevelt for approval before it was presented.

Colonel Roosevelt in the Outlook asserts that "the vital point in the fight between honesty and dishonesty at Chicago was the decision as to whether the fraudulent delegates should vote on one another's cases." Yet seated contested delegates in 1908 voted on seating of themselves, just as they did in 1912, and Colonel Roosevelt admits that Taft was fairly nominated in 1908. If this vital point did not create a valid objection to the support of Taft by Republicans in 1908 it does not create one in 1912. If the Colonel does not now recall these circumstances his mind must then have been centered on South African game trials four years ago, or else he has a very accommodating "forgettery."—Portland Oregonian.

required an operation. Her illness led to her seeing the state of things in the prison hospital. There was actually no physician in the place, only a feldsher, or old soldier, with a smattering of chemistry and a rough idea of how to bandage wounds.

But this sickness, which Miss Schkolnik thought would be the end of her, proved her salvation, for she was sent to Irkutsk, from where she escaped. In the Irkutsk prison hospital she was operated upon, and in a few months after the operation she managed to get away at 11 o'clock in the morning dressed in boy's clothing and with her hair cut short.

As for Miss Malecka, she was wholly unknown in "Underground Russia." She had no connection with any group of terrorists. In fact, all the charges made against her broke down, all save one, that a revolutionary newspaper article was found in her possession. But if one can be sent to Siberia on a charge like this, no foreign newspaper man in Russia is safe. Every foreign journalist makes it his business to collect as much material of this kind as he can. He does this for purely professional reasons.

EIGHTEEN SIGNATURES AT SAME TIME

How can a man sign his name eighteen times at once in such a way that each signature shall be written in ink, and shall be as incontestably genuine as if it were the sole product of the writer's pen? This problem has been solved by the invention of the "signagraph," which so greatly abridges the labors of the official who has to sign checks, bonds, or other documents by the hundred, that he can turn them off at the rate of several thousand an hour. The machine is an American device, and Europe, accustomed to hear of marvelous financial operations in this country, is regaled with an account of it by Jacques d'Izler, writing in La Nature. It is an ingenious application of the theory of the pantograph. He says: "The slightest movement of the 'monitor' penholder is repeated simultaneously by all the reservoir pens. Thus the signature that it traces on the tablet is transmitted automatically to the papers or documents arranged under each of the pens. If these papers have been properly placed, the sixteen or twenty signatures occur on the sixteen or twenty documents the exact place that the writer would have chosen for them. The operator then turns with his left hand a crank that actuates an endless chain, and a new set of documents to be signed take their places under the pens."—Literary Digest.

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